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SUBJ: CONSULAR CONFERENCES IN AFRICA

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1. EMBASSIES GABORONE, MASERU AND MBABANE WELCOME PROPOSED CONSULAR CONFERENCES AS USEFUL FORA EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES AMONG CONSULAR OFFICERS. HOWEVER DATES POSE MAJOR PROBLEMS. AT ALL THREE BLS POSTS THERE IS NO OFFICER WHO IS EXCLUSIVELY CONSULAR. MULTI-FUNCTIONAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICERS PERFORM CONSULAR, ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER DUTIES. IRO'S IN GABORONE AND MASERU ALREADY DEEPLY INVOLVED IN PLANNING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN BOTSWANA SEPTEMBER 26-30 AND OCTOBER

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IN LESOTHO. USG PARTICIPATION INVOLVES TRADE EXHIBITS, CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS AND VIP REPRESENTATION FROM WASHINGTON AT EACH POST. AT MBABANE IRO IS ONLY OFFICER COMMISSIONED TO ISSUE VISA/PASSPORTS. THESE FACTORS, COMBINED WITH STAFF TO COVERS DESCRIBED REF B, MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PROVIDE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ON BLS PARTICIPATION.

2. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE DATES OF THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE EITHER TO EARLIER SEPTEMBER OR MID-OCTOBER? WOULD IT BE PERMISSIBLE
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TO HAVE ONE OFFICER REPRESENT THE BLS POSTS AND LATER BRIEF THE OTHER

TWO? ABIDJAN CONFERENCE COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR BLS REPRESENTATION BUT THIS MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY LESS USEFUL THAN ATTENDING A NAIROBI CONFERENCE WITH OTHER AF/S OFFICERS. PLEASE ADVISE

3. PARTICULAR ISSUES GABORONE WOULD WISH DISCUSSED WOULD INCLUDE SA VISA PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE PROBLEMS THAT COULD BE GENERATED BY INCREASING VIOLENCE IN RHODESIA. IN THIS LATTER CATEGORY WOULD BE POTENTIAL SHARP INCREASE FOR REQUESTS BY AMERICANS LEAVING RHODESIA FOR "CLEAN" PASSPORTS AND INCREASING NUMBER OF RHODESIAN STUDENTS ATTEMPT

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ING TO GO TO U.S. NUMBER OF STUDENT APPLICANTS HAS ALREADY GROWN TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT NEW PROCEDURES ARE NECESSARY. PARTICULAR PROBLEMS MBABANE WISHES TO DISCUSS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE, ARE VISAS FOR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS WISHING U.S. VISAS AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WHEN/IF MOZAMBIQUE REOPENS BORDERS FOR INCREASED TRAVEL FLOW

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